## Delaware Public Archives Unveils New Service for Hispanics in Delaware

(Dover, Del.)- The <u>Delaware Public Archives</u> (DPA) is celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month, which extends until October 15<sup>th</sup>, with the unveiling of the Spanish section of its website. With a long history of welcoming immigrants, Delaware has become home to people from all over the world. The Hispanic community has contributed to Delaware's quality of life and diversity while integrating their traditions into the culture of the First State.

Key sections of the Archives' website have been translated to assist the Spanish speaking community in gaining access to DPA's services, products, activities and other historical treasures. In addition, it makes available the Archives' online collections and social media outlets providing access to thousands of items that celebrate Delaware's rich history.

The Archives is the official guardian of Delaware's state, county and local government records and stores millions of records that reveal the cultural, social, and political history of our state and our nation.

"With this initiative the Delaware Public Archives celebrates the ever-growing Hispanic community and its contribution to the First State's history," said Archives Director Stephen M. Marz. "The new website puts in the hands of new generations one of our state's greatest resources for historical research."

This added feature makes it easier for students, schools, individuals, businesses and other organizations in Delaware to enjoy one of our state's greatest resources. The Archives'

collection of historical records includes records dating from the 17th century to the present, including documents, maps, books, audio/video recordings, and more than 800,000 historical photographs.

The Spanish section is accessible from the DPA's homepage at <a href="http://archives.delaware.gov">http://archives.delaware.gov</a>.

For more information about the Delaware Public Archives, please visit the website at <a href="http://archives.delaware.gov">http://archives.delaware.gov</a>. You can also become a follower of the Archives Facebook page (<a href="http://www.facebook.com/DelawarePublicArchives">http://www.facebook.com/DelawarePublicArchives</a>) and read the Archives blog (<a href="http://archives.blogs.delaware.gov/">http://archives.blogs.delaware.gov/</a>) to learn more about events and other items of interest at the Archives.

The Delaware Public Archives is located at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North in Dover. The Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room is open to the public Monday — Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On the second Saturday of every month the research room is open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Delaware Public Archives (DPA, archives.delaware.gov), an agency of the State of Delaware, is one of the oldest public archives programs in the United States. DPA serves the citizens of Delaware by identifying, collecting, and preserving public records of enduring historical and evidential value; ensuring access to public records for present and future generations; and advising and educating interested parties in the creation, management, use, and preservation of public records.